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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

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Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 4-5
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Scholl et al (5742762).
4. Regarding claim 1, Scholl shows in Figures 3, 4, 5, column 4 lines 1-65, column 5 lines 20-68, column 6 lines 30-68, column 7 lines 1-47, and column 8 lines 12-68, a network device with multi-layer management interface with: a first interface layer configured to receive a first set of messages from a first set of sources according to a first protocol, send a second set of messages according to a second protocol in response, and send responses to the first set in the first protocol; a second interface layer configured to receive a third set of messages (including second set messages) from a second set of sources (including the first layer) according to the

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second protocol, update configuration data in response to the third set, and send responses to the third set according to second protocol.

5. Regarding claims 2-4, the protocols include HTTP and SNMP. The interface layers include SNMP manager and agent.

6. Regarding claims 5-6, the network device has a third interface layer and is connected to another network device with yet a fourth and fifth interface layer. Corresponding sets of messages and responses in the first and second protocols are sent, with configuration data being updated.

7. Regarding claims 7-18, these show the corresponding method elements of claims 1-6. In addition, note that the Hypertext Markup Language document includes information identifying a Management Information Base (MIB) object. The first software layer receives user input that specifies a change to configuration data by detecting when the user selects an interface component associated with the anchor. The messages and data correspond to the MIB. For each entry associated with the MIB object, Hypertext Markup Language text is generated to cause the client to display information contained in the entry. The object identifier is used to search the files generated from a MIB that contains the MIB object. A query is transmitted to the third software layer to retrieve a current value associated with a second MIB which is identified in the entry.

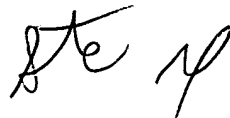
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The HTTP client displays the second MIB object and current value. An anchor is generated that uniquely identifies the second MIB object. New values are transmitted and updated.

8. Regarding claims 19-27, these show the same features as described above. In addition, note that the client HTTP message identifies a row in a MIB table. The information and values to determine a type of each MIB variable is read and requested and displayed. A string of text arguments is read and used to form a template HTML page and anchor including a command and identifier.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Steve Sax, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F from 9:30 - 6:00 ET. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim, can be reached at (703) 305-3821.

10. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Sax", is located below the text of item 10.